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SUBJECT: DEATH OF JOHN A. YORK - SEAMAN OF 'AMERICAN MAIL'

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 0455

H.D. SMITH, MASTER OF AMERICAN MAIL, PURSER AND LOCAL
AGENT OF APL AT MADRAS CALLED AT CONGEN ON JANUARY 22 TO
REPORT ON DEATH OF WIPER, JOHN A. YORK AND SUBMIT SUBJECT
PPT. AND CONNECTED PAPERS.

ACCORDING TO THE STATEMENT GIVEN BY THE MASTER, AT 1040 HRS.
ON JAN.18,1977 PURSER NOTIFIED BY 1ST A/E THAT WIPER, JOHN
A. YORK WAS IN HIS BUNK APPARENTLY ILL OF UNKOWN CAUSES.
WHEN PURSER ARRIVED AT YORK'S ROOM HE WAS FOUND UNCONSCIOUS,
WITH LABORED BREATHING. AN ATTEMPT TO EASE HIS BREATHING WITH
THE PORTABLE OXYGEN BOTTLE WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL. AT 1110 HRS.
YORK EXPIRED WITHOUT REGAINING CONSCIOUSNESS. CHECKS
OF BREATHING, PLUSE, AND HEART BEAT BY STETHOSCOPE GAVE
NO SIGN OF LIFE. YORK WAS LEFT AS IS ON HIS BUNK, WITH THE
DOOR LOCKED FOR POSSIBLE INVESTIGATION AT PORT KLANG,
MALAYSIA WHERE VESSEL WAS DIVERTED FOR REMOVAL OF BODY.

MASTER SMITH CLAIMS THAT HIS VESSEL CALLED AT PORT KLANG,
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MALAYSIA AFTER OFFICE HOURS AND THAT THE EMBASSY WAS
SITUATED ABOUT 30 MILES FROM PORT KLANG. DUE TO THE ABOVE
REASONS, MASTER CLAIMED THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO REPORT
DEATH OF SUBJECT SEAMAN TO EMBASSY.

YORK WAS BORN ON JUNE 1,1951 AT WASHINGTON. HIS NOK IS
FATHER, EDWIN A.YORK, 5375 SW CHESTNUT AVENUE. BEAVERTON

OR. 970005. SUBJECT HELD U.S. PASSPORT F1712844 ISSUED
AUGUST 13,1975 AT SEATTLE AND ACCORDING TO IT THE EMERGENCY
ADDRESS IS MARY L. YORK 9644 S.W. 48TH PORTLAND, OR.97219.
SUBJECT DIED ON HIGH SEAS WITH CAUSE OF DEATH UNKOWN.
PERSONAL EFFECTS OF YORK ARE IN CUSTODY OF MASTER WHO WILL
TURN OVER THEM TO SHIPPING COMMISSIONER AT PORT OF PAYOFF FOR
DETERMINATION OF DISTRICT COURT. SEAMAN ACTION FORM SHOWS
THAT NET DUE OF WAGES OF YORK AS \$817.00. MASTER SMITH
INFORMED CONGEN THAT HE HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY ADVISE FROM
HIS PRINCIPAL IN UNITED STATES BUT HE CONFIRMED THAT
DISPOSITIONINSTRUCTIONS WOULD BE GIVEN TO THE LOCAL AGENTS
AT KLANG BY HIS PRINCIPALS.

PAPERS SUBMITTED BY MASTER SMITH ON YORK'S DEATH TO-
GETHER WITH PASSPORT ARE BEING AIR POUCHED TO EMBASSY FOR
APPROPRIATE ACTION.
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